

Legislature and Senator Kelly and I were quite in agreement that this was one area of the image of the Legislature that needed some attention. In fact, shortly after I assumed the Speakership, Senator Kelly and I got together and we discussed this approach and we discussed it with several people and I have been along with Senator Kelly in the promotion of this idea and, in fact, I have been asked in my work on the National Conference of State Legislatures to go to various places to promote unicameralism. In fact, I have an invitation which might still be carried out this year to go to New Hampshire, of all places, to talk about unicameralism where they have some 400 people in the House. So the need for this kind of a gathering and collection, collection of information, for across the nation is very, very important and I strongly urge the support and the placing of this bill on E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, it is a funny thing. I haven't heard any clamoring from my end of the state for this bill or a need for a great deal of compiling of information. I would think perhaps that the University of Nebraska, with their vast resources from this body, would be able to compile this information in a not too difficult form and make it available. As far as other states considering this form of legislation and this form of a legislative body, I would think they would be happy to come here. People like Dr. Rodgers are very knowledgeable about this. Other people in this body and throughout this Capitol are very knowledgeable about it. I just don't see the need for it. Maybe it is very important and I'm missing the point.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I hadn't intended to talk about this bill but I have to just answer a point made by Senator Nichol is, if you give the University \$1 for a service you want rendered, don't count too much on that service being delivered because they really don't have to do what we tell them to anyway, Senator Nichol. So I wouldn't count on having them develop any kind of programs for us.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, a question of Senator Fowler, please. Is it really necessary to have this in the statutes? If the Legislature decides it is a worthwhile project, could not the Executive Board authorize this project without putting it in the statutes?

SENATOR FOWLER: That is a question that came up at the Miscellaneous Subjects hearing and the answer is, we could authorize research but it would not have the same impact. It would not be a permanent fixture. It would not be the type of official repository information that we like. I think, you know, by putting it in the statutes, Senator Kelly and I want to I guess give it a special distinction and make sure that it is carried on even when other Executive Boards may come and go, to insure that there is a commitment to this sort of research beyond just one Executive Board.